

As of Jun 30, 2016

OCT 29, 2015

Congress Extends PTC deadline by at least three years

Congress extends the PTC deadline by at least three years to December 31, 2018, with the opportunity for an additional two years if certain conditions are met.

DEC 31, 2020

Potential Deadline if Railroads
Meet Statutory Criteria and
Obtain FRA Approval

Congress has allowed railroads to apply for up to a two-year extension to achieve full PTC implementation if certain criteria are met. The railroad must have all spectrum acquired and hardware installation completed by the end of 2018 for an alternative schedule to be considered.

DEC 31, 2015

Original PTC Implementation Deadline

OCT 16, 2008

Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 Sets December 31, 2015 Deadline

Several collisions, including a 2008 collision between a Metrolink passenger train and a Union Pacific freight train, led Congress to require Positive Train Control (PTC) be installed on a majority of the US Railroad network by December 31, 2015.



Revised Implementation Plan Deadline

FRA currently uses the schedules and key installation milestones reported in Railroads' revised PTCIP as the basis for tracking and enforcing PTC implementation progress.



DEC 31, 2018

Extended PTC Implementation Deadline

Based on revised PTC Implementation Plans submitted to FRA in January 2016, a majority of Railroads (81%) are projected to have PTC installed by the end of 2018. The remaining Railroads are projected to reach full implementation by December 31, 2020.

